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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL AND INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: STATE 212490

1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RAISED CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS (DGAC), BRIGADIER ALBERTO BASTOS. LATTER AGREED WITH IMPORTANCE OF AIRPORT SECURITY, NOTING THAT FIRST PLANE EVER TO BE HIJACKED BELONGED TO TAP. HE SAID THE DGAC HAS IMPLEMENTED STRICTER SECURITY MEASURES.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT TIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES ARE EVIDENT IN INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL OF LISBON AIRPORT. ALL PERSONS ENTERING TERMINAL MUST DISPLAY TICKET OR PASS. PASSENGERS ARE ELECTRONICALLY SCREENED AND HAND BAGGAGE SEARCHED. ACCESS TO LOUNGES IS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED. HOWEVER, SECURITY IS DOMESTIC TERMINAL IS MUCH MORE LAX. ACCESS TO TERMINAL IS NOT CONTROLLED, AND BAGGAGE SEARCH IS CURSORY. THIS LATTER SITUATION EXISTS ALSO AT FARO AND OPORTO AIRPORTS. SECURITY AT INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS IN AORIZES AND MADEIRA IS FAIRLY GOOD, BUT SPOTTY AT DOMESTIC TERMINALS. ONLY FOR LISBON CAN EMBASSY ATTEST THAT UNSCREENED PASSENGERS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY MINGLING WITH SCREENED PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT LOUNGE.

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3. COUNSELOR EXPRESSED U.S. WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE,

BUT DIRECTOR-GENERAL MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST. HE NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT DGAC WOULD REQUEST ASSISTANCE SHOULD THE
NEED ARISE.
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